

Rules and Orders, for the Regulation of the SURREY VOLUNTEERS.

I. THAT Eleven Members be elected by Ballot (taking the Names in Rotation as entered in the Secretary's Book) as a standing Committee for Three Months; who, together with the Inspector General, Treasurer, and Secretary, or any Five of them, shall have Power to admit new Members, order Payment of necessary Disbursements, and transact all such other Business of the Society as may be proper for the better Regulation and Management thereof.

II. That the Whole shall elect an Inspector-General for Six Months.

III. That in like Manner a Treasurer shall be elected for Six Months.

IV. That this Society be formed into four Companies: viz. One Grenadier, One Light Infantry, and Two Battalion Companies; and that no Gentleman be afterwards admitted into the Battalion Companies unless he be Five Feet Four Inches high, Eighteen Years of Age, and produces a Ticket from the Inspector-General.

V. That in Rotation according to the Size-Roll, one Captain, one Lieutenant, and one Sergeant, be elected by Ballot, to command each Company: That the Captain hold his Rank for the Space of Two Months, and be succeeded by the Lieutenant, and that the Lieutenant be succeeded by the Sergeant, and a new Sergeant immediately elected; and that at the Election of all Officers the Inspector-General shall be present, and in Case of equal Numbers have the casting Vote.

VI. That the Duty of the Inspector-General be to superintend and regulate the Body, and be in strict Discipline while under Arms; to issue Tickets to Members as they become qualified to join the Battalion, and from Time to Time give the necessary Directions to the respective Officers; and that the Inspector-General or Treasurer have Power at any Time to call a Committee.

VII. That the Duty of the Treasurer be to receive, pay, and account.

VIII. That the Duty of the Captain be to examine that the Lieutenant properly file the Company, call the Roll, examine the Drefs, Arms, and Accoutrements, and to give the Word of Command, and order the Payment of Fines.

IX. That the Duty of the Lieutenant be to take the Command in the Absence of the Captain; to keep a Size and Call Roll, and immediately after the Drum ceases beating to Arms, to call the Roll, and take down the Names of the Defaulters; then examine the Drefs, Arms, and Accoutrements of the Company, and make his Report to the Captain, who shall then levy all Fines, which are to be immediately paid into the Hands of the Lieutenant, who shall enter the same in a Book, with the Names of the Persons who pay such Fines, and for what; and after the Exercise of the Day, pay the same to the Treasurer.

X. That the Duty of the Sergeant be to take the Command in the Absence of the Captain and Lieutenant, and to do every Act of their Duty, and to attend to the Rear Rank while under Arms; and that each Private of the Company is properly provided with Ammunition, their Muskets well flinted, and a spare Flint, Worm, Turncrew, Picker, &c.

XI. That every Gentleman proposed as a Member shall have his Name, Place of Abode, and Profession, delivered to the Committee, when met, by a Member of this Society, who shall also sign his Name, as a Testimony that the Candidate is eligible, and the Committee shall then proceed to Election, by Ballot, when One Third Black Balls, of the Members present, shall exclude the Person proposed.

XII. That every Gentleman (unless Five or more are proposed together who have learned their Exercise) do, on his Admission, pay Five Shillings for the fame, and deposit One Pound One Shilling, with the Secretary, to be paid by him to the Treasurer, towards defraying the incidental Expenses of this Society; and likewise provide himself with an Uniform, Drill-Jacket, Arms, and Accoutrements, strictly conformable to the Patterns, and the Arms and Accoutrements as follows: viz.

Musquet, 3 Feet, 6 Inches long, with a Ball-bore, Tower Proof, and of the Price of One Pound Eleven Shillings, or upwards; Bayonet 15 Inches long, only.

Cross Belts, Cartouch Box, and Plate for the Pouch; and also a Plate engraved, "SURREY VOLUNTEERS," with the Southwark Arms and Trophies.

THE Utility of acquiring some Degree of Skill in the Military Exercise, being impressed on the Minds of Gentlemen in General, by giving a Command over other Weapons, it produces Coolness, Fortitude, and Effect; and being convinced that no Society, particularly a Military one, can exist without a due and strict Obedience to such Rules and Orders, as may be necessary for the Government of the same, WE, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, do hereby associate and pledge ourselves to each other, to observe, conform, and strictly adhere to the above Rules and Orders, and such other Regulations as may be judged expedient, and directed by any Committee, to be elected in the Manner mentioned in the First Article. All that we will, on all Occasions, so long as we shall continue Members of this Society, conduct ourselves so as to promote the Existence, Reputation, and Honour thereof. — N. B. The Committee will meet once every Fortnight, for Admission of New Members.

The Expence of each Article is as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Uniform,	—	—	3
Drill-jacket,	—	—	14
Arms,	—	—	11
Accoutrements,	—	—	14
Hat, Garters, &c.	—	—	2
	£. 7	5	0

XIII. That the Drefs of the Privates, be as under: viz.

Uniform Coats and Hats, according to the Patterns.
Hair Powdered, Sides dressed, with a Single Curl on each Side, and short Queues, always kept above the Cross Belts.
Black Velvet Stocks, with the Shirt Collar appearing over them.
Shirts with plain Frills, but no Ruffles.
Waistcoats and Breeches of white corded Dimity, with white corded Buttons, and the Waistcoats without Flaps.
Plain Stockings, of white Cotton or Thread only.
Black Leather Knee Garters, worn through the Buckles.
Short black Leather Garters.

That the Drefs of the Officers be exactly the same, except as follows: viz. That they wear ruffled Shirts, Buff-coloured Leather Gloves, and an Epulet.

XIV. That every Member be subject to the following Fines:

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

For appearing in the Field not properly dressed and accounted, — — — — — 2 0

For being absent, — — — — — 2 6

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For being absent, — — — — — 2 6

For admitting Members to join his Company without Tickets, — — — — — 1 0

LIEUTENANTS and SERGEANTS.

For appearing not properly dressed and accounted, — — — — — 1 6

For being absent, — — — — — 2 0

For Neglect of Duty, — — — — — 1 0

PRIVATES.

For appearing at Exercise not properly dressed and accounted, — — — — — 1 0

For being absent at Roll call, — — — — — 1 0

Talking or misbehaving in the Ranks, — — — — — 1 0

For quitting the Ranks without Leave, — — — — — 2 6

For discharging a Musquet at any Time on the Days of Exercise, unless on actual Duty, and on receiving the Word of Command for that Purpose, — — — — — 5 0

For appearing in the Ground on the Day of Exercise, wearing any Part of the Uniform, except Waistcoat and Breeches, and not going under Arms, — — — — — 2 6

XV. That no Member be excused attending the Days appointed for Exercise, unless he be confined by Illness, and give Notice in Writing to the Inspector-General.

XVI. That all Fines, when the Defaulters are present, be collected by the Officers of the respective Companies, or the Inspector-General.

XVII. That every Member refusing to pay his Fines, when requested so to do, or absenting himself Three Days of Exercise, without giving sufficient Reason to the Committee, or behaving refractory, be expelled, as unworthy of continuing in a Society of Gentlemen.

XVIII. That an orderly Book be kept, in which all Orders and Regulations of this Society shall be fairly transcribed, and left open, on the Days of Exercise, for the Inspection of all the Members, who are to take Notice of any new Order or Regulation; and such Gentlemen as may be absent are required to make necessary Enquiries of their Friends or the Secretary, as Want of Information will not be admitted an Excuse.

XIX. That on a Requisition to the Inspector-General, Treasurer, or Secretary for a General Meeting, signed by Thirteen Members of this Society, such General Meeting be immediately called.

XX. That every Member of this Society subscribe the following Declaration.